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I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought, namely the improvement in: COOLING ARTICLE INVOLVING EVAPORATION OF WATER FROM A POLYMER ABSORBENT described and claimed in the specification: attached hereto; \boxtimes (if applicable); __ and amended on __ filed on _____ as Application No. ___ b. and that this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in the earlier filed pending application, Application No. 09/227,889, filed January 11, 1999. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of this application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; and that I acknowledge my duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56. Under Title 35, U.S. Code §119, the priority benefits of the following foreign application(s) and/or United States provisional application(s) filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns within one year prior to said earlier filed pending application are hereby claimed: The following applications for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention were filed in countries foreign to the United States of America either (a) more than one year prior to said carlier filed pending application, or (b) before the filing date of the above-named foreign priority application(s) and/or United States provisional application(s): French Patent Application No. 97 01972 filed April 3, 1997 As to any and all subject matter of this application which is not common to said carlier application, I acknowledge my duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCI' international filing date of this application. Under Title 35, U.S. Code §119, the priority benefits of the following foreign application(s) and/or United States provisional application(s) filed by mc or my legal representatives or assigns within one year prior to this application are hereby claimed: The following application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate on such subject matter were filed in countries forcign to the United States of America either (a) more than one year prior to this application, or (b) before the filing of the abovenamed foreign priority application(s) and/or United States provisional application(s); I hereby appoint the following as my attorneys of record with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office: James A. Oliff, Registration No. 27,075; William P. Berridge, Registration No. 30,024; Kirk M. Hudson, Registration No. 27,562; Thomas J. Pardini, Registration No. 30,411; Edward P. Walker, Registration No. 31,450; Robert A. Miller, Registration No. 32,771; Mario A. Costantino, Registration No. 33,565; Stephen J. Roe, Registration No. 34,463; Joel S. Armstrong, Registration No. 36,430; Christopher W. Brown, Registration No. 38,025; and Richard E. Rice, Registration No. 31,560.

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